

Senate Resolution 521

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Henson of the 41st and Williams of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Creating an Agricultural and Mechanical University
2 System; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia consists of 26 public institutions; and

4 WHEREAS, a certain limited number of institutions currently within the University System
5 of Georgia have demonstrated unique service needs and may benefit and better thrive under
6 an umbrella of more focused educational and administrative support; and

7 WHEREAS, study is needed to evaluate whether such educational and administrative support
8 can be better and more efficiently provided to such institutions under the University System
9 of Georgia or under another dedicated umbrella of support.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

11 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee
12 on Creating an Agricultural and Mechanical University System.

13 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
14 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall
15 designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

16 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
17 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
18 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

19 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
20 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
21 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
22 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

23 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

24 (A) Members of the committee who are members of the General Assembly shall
25 receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of

Georgia Annotated.

(B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate.

(6) Report.

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) Abolishment. The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.